

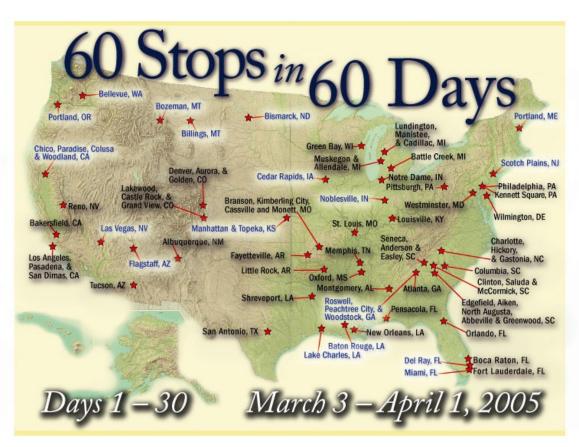
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60 STOPS IN 60 DAYS: DAYS 1-30 MARCH 3 – APRIL 1, 2005

From March 3 – May 1, 2005, Administration officials – from President Bush and Vice President Cheney to Cabinet members and policy experts – are traveling throughout the country as part of a coordinated 60-day tour to discuss the President's message of strengthening Social Security with the American people.

Today marks day 30 of the 60 Stops in 60 Days tour. So far, Administration officials have traveled to more than 100 events in 32 states to talk about the need for a permanent fix to save Social Security for future generations. After this weekend, Administration officials will have participated in 108 events, 52 of which have been Town Hall meetings with members of Congress.

"We're at the halfway mark of our 60 day tour and well beyond our events goal already. The national dialogue that the President called for in the State of the Union is well underway and Social Security has been elevated to the top of the national political debate. We're making real progress," said Treasury Secretary John Snow. "More and more people understand the real problems facing Social Security and the need to take action to strengthen the system for future generations."



Days 1 – 20

Over the first 20 days of the 60 Stops in 60 Days tour, Administration officials traveled to 52 events in 24 states to talk about the need for a permanent fix to save Social Security for future generations. View a listing of Days 1-20 events online at www.strengtheningSocialSecurity.gov.

- 3/23/05: Health and Human Services Secretary Mike Leavitt, Sen. Saxby Chambliss, Sen. Johnny Isakson and Andrew Biggs of the President's National Economic Council discuss Social Security reform in Atlanta, GA (#53)
- 3/23/05: SSA Senior Advisor Mike Korbey participates in Town Hall meetings with Rep. Gresham Barrett in Seneca, Anderson and Easley, SC (#54, #55 & #56)
- 3/24/05: Vice President Cheney delivers remarks and participates in a Town Hall meeting with Congressman Joe Schwarz in Battle Creek, MI (#57)
- 3/24/05: Vice President Cheney delivers remarks and participates in a Town Hall meeting with Congresswoman Melissa Hart in Pittsburgh, PA (#58)
- 3/24/05: Treasury Secretary John Snow participates in a roundtable with local business leaders in Wilmington, DE (#59)
- 3/24/05: Treasury Secretary John Snow delivers remarks to the Chester County Chamber of Business and Industry in Kennett Square, PA (#60)
- 3/24/05: Commerce Secretary Carlos Gutierrez participates in a Social Security event with Gov. Huckabee at the Little Rock Chamber of Commerce in Little Rock, AR (#61)
- 3/24/05: Commerce Secretary Carlos Gutierrez participates in a Social Security event with Sen. Jim Talent at Washington University's Olin School of Business in St. Louis, MO (#62)
- 3/24/05: Al Hubbard, Director of the President's National Economic Council, joins Rep. Roy Blunt for four town hall meetings in Missouri (#63, #64, #65 & #66)
- 3/24/05: SSA Senior Advisor Mike Korbey participates in Town Hall meetings with Rep. Gresham Barrett in Clinton, Saluda and McCormick, SC (#67, #68 & #69)
- 3/25/05: SSA Deputy Administrator Jim Lockhart participates in a town hall meeting with Sen. Conrad Burns in Billings, MT (#70)
- 3/28/05: Treasury Secretary John Snow delivers remarks to employees at FLIR Systems in Portland, OR (#71)
- 3/28/05: Al Hubbard, Director of the President's National Economic Council, joins Rep. Dan Burton for a town hall meeting in Noblesville, IN (#72)
- 3/29/05: Social Security Administration Deputy Administrator Jim Lockhart participates in town hall meetings with Rep. Jim Ryun in Manhattan and Topeka, Kansas (#73 & #74)
- 3/29/05: Assistant Secretary of the Treasury Rob Nichols participates in a town hall meeting with Rep. Dave Reichert in Bellevue, WA (#75)
- 3/30/05: President Bush participates in a Conversation on Strengthening Social Security in Cedar Rapids, Iowa (#76)
- 3/30/05: Treasury Secretary John Snow delivers remarks to local community leaders in Bozeman, MT (#77)
- 3/30/05: Health and Human Services Secretary Mike Leavitt participates in a Social Security event in Portland, ME (#78)
- 3/30/05: Deputy Secretary of Labor Steve Law delivers remarks on Social Security at Northern Arizona University (#79)
- 3/30/05: Deputy Secretary of Labor Steve Law delivers remarks on Social Security to the Flagstaff Chamber of Commerce in Flagstaff, AZ (#80)
- 3/30/05: SSA Deputy Administrator Jim Lockhart participates in four town hall meetings with Rep. Wally Herger in Marysville, Yaba City, Red Bluff and Redding, CA (#81, #82, #83 & #84)
- 3/30/05: SSA Senior Advisor Mike Korbey participates in a Town Hall meeting with Rep. Tom Price in Woodstock, GA (#85)
- 3/30/05: Keith Hennessey, Deputy Director, National Economic Council, participates in a town hall meeting with Rep. Sue Myrick in Charlotte, NC (#86)
- 3/31/05: Treasury Secretary John Snow delivers remarks to local business leaders in Bismarck, ND (#87)
- 3/31/05: Treasury Secretary John Snow delivers remarks to Bismarck High School government class in Bismarck, ND (#88)
- 3/31/05: Secretary of Labor Elaine Chao delivers remarks on Social Security in Pittsburgh, PA (#89)
- 3/31/05: Deputy Secretary of Labor Steve Law delivers remarks on Social Security to the Henderson Chamber of Commerce in Las Vegas, NV (#90)
- 3/31/05: Noam Neusner, Associate Director for Strategic Planning and Communications, Office of Management and Budget, delivers remarks at a Community Forum on Social Security hosted by the Jewish Federation of Central NJ in Scotch Plains, NJ (#91)
- 3/31/05: SBA Deputy Administrator Melanie Sabelhaus participates in a Social Security event in Del Ray, FL (#92)
- 3/31/05: SSA Senior Advisor Mike Korbey participates in a Town Hall meeting with Rep. Tom Price in Roswell, GA (#93)
- 3/31/05: SSA Senior Advisor Mike Korbey participates in a Town Hall meeting with Sen. David Vitter in Baton Rouge, LA (#94)

- 3/31/05: SSA Deputy Administrator Jim Lockhart participates in four town hall meetings with Rep. Herger in Chico, Paradise, Colusa and Woodland, CA (#95, #96, #97 & #98)
- 3/31/05: Keith Hennessey, Deputy Director, National Economic Council, participates in a town hall meeting with Rep. Westmoreland in GA (#99)
- 4/1/05: Commerce Secretary Carlos Gutierrez participates in a Conversation on Social Security in Miami, FL with Rep. Lincoln Diaz-Balart, Rep. Mario Diaz-Balart and Manny Diaz, the Mayor of Miami (#100)
- 4/1/05: U.S. Treasurer Anna Cabral delivers remarks on Social Security at the MANA Conference in San Antonio, TX (#101)
- 4/1/05: SBA Administrator Hector Barreto participates in an event in Las Vegas, NV (#102)
- 4/1/05: SBA Deputy Administrator Melanie Sabelhaus participates in a Social Security event in Jupiter, FL (#103)
- 4/1/05: Social Security Commissioner Jo Anne Barnhart participates in an event at the University of Delaware (#104)
- 4/1/05: SSA Senior Advisor Mike Korbey participates in a Town Hall meeting with Sen. David Vitter in Lake Charles, LA (#105)
- 4/2/05: SSA Deputy Administrator Jim Lockhart participates in town hall meetings with Rep. Shays in Darien and Fairfield, CT (#106 & #107)
- 4/2/05: Noam Neusner, Associate Director for Strategic Planning and Communications, Office of Management and Budget, discusses Social Security at a B'nai B'rith Breakfast in Baltimore, MD (#108)

What They're Saying

Recent press coverage of the 60 Stops in 60 Days tour includes:

- President Bush gave a radio interview to WHO's Jan Mickelson while in Cedar Rapids, IA. Read the transcript.
- *The Topeka Capital-Journal* covered Rep. Jim Ryun's <u>Town Hall meeting with SSA Deputy Administrator Jim Lockhart in Topeka, KS.</u>
- Health and Human Services Secretary Michael Leavitt sat down with the Portland Press Herald in Maine this week.
- Deputy Secretary of Labor Steve Law made time in Flagstaff, AZ to talk to the <u>Arizona Daily Sun</u> about his conversations with local college students.
- Sen. Conrad Burns' Town Hall meeting with Jim Lockhart in Billings, MT was featured in <u>The Billings Gazette</u>.
- Al Hubbard, chairman of the National Economic Council, returned home to Indiana for a Town Hall with Rep. Dan Burton. *The Indianapolis Star* covered the event at Noblesville High School.
- The <u>Arkansas Democrat-Gazette</u> ran a story following Secretary Gutierrez's 60 Stops event at the Greater Little Rock Chamber of Commerce noting that, "he is the third member of the Bush administration to visit the state promoting Social Security changes."
- Rep. Gresham Barrett and SSA Senior Advisor Mike Korbey teamed up for six Town Hall meetings in South Carolina. Local paper *The Index Journal* reported on one of their many stops.

Days 30-40

Next week, the 60 Stops in 60 Days tour heads into week five. President Bush and members of his Cabinet will fan out to 11 states to take the message of strengthening Social Security to Connecticut, New Hampshire, New Jersey, Virginia, Texas, New York, Pennsylvania, Florida, South Carolina, West Virginia and Kentucky as the tour continues.

Check http://www.strengtheningsocialsecurity.gov/60stops/ for daily tour updates.